

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement drawing sheets makes changes to Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8 and replaces the original sheets. Fig. 5 is amended to include element MFP 100A. Fig. 6 is amended to include element MFP 100B and Figs. 7 and 8 are amended to include element MFP 100C.

REMARKS

Claims 35-58 are pending. Claims 1-34 were previously cancelled.

The Office Action objects to the specification because in the brief description of the drawings MFP 100B is associated with Fig. 6 and MFP 100C is associated with Fig. 7 but these element numbers are not shown in the drawings. In response, Figs. 5, 6, 7, and 8 are amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect a single embodiment for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. §121. The two embodiments identified by the Examiner are:

Group I, claims 35-37, 39, 40, 43-45, 47, 48, 51-53, 55 and 56; and

Group II directed to claims 38, 41, 42, 46, 49, 50, 54, 57 and 58.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Group II, claims 38, 41, 42, 46, 49, 50, 54, 57 and 58 with traverse. Applicants understand that claims 35-37, 39, 40, 43-45, 47, 48, 51-53, 55 and 56 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

The Examiner further identified three distinct species. The three embodiments further identified by the Examiner are:

- A. Species 1, Figs. 1-5
- B. Species 2, Fig. 6 and
- C. Species 3, Figs. 7-12.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect species III, the species of Figs. 7-12, with traverse. Currently, claims 38, 41, 42, 46, 49, 50, 54, 57 and 58 read on the species of Figs. 7-12. Applicants note that claims 35-37, 39, 40, 43-45, 47, 48, 51-53, 55 and 56 also read on the elected species. Currently, no claims are generic to all species. Applicant reserve the right to file divisional applications with regard to any non-elected species.

These restriction/election requirements are traversed because they will not reduce the workload of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or simplify prosecution of the application. As set forth in MPEP §803, there are two criteria for a proper restriction/election requirement between patentably distinct inventions: 1) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and 2) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction/election is not required. This portion of the MPEP requires that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. Thus, withdrawal of the restriction/election of species requirements is respectfully requested.

An early examination and favorable action on the claims is respectfully requested.

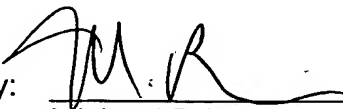
Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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